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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant hereby requests continued examination of the above-captioned application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The application is a non-provisional application that was filed on or after June 8, 1995. This request is being submitted after the filing of a Notice of Appeal and thus is to be considered as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution. Enclosed is an amendment that is responsive to the final Office action mailed on December 5, 2002.

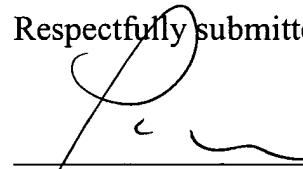
Enclosed is a check for \$770.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) for this Request for Continued Examination. Also enclosed is a petition to

extend the period for reply for five months, to an including January 9, 2004.

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Respectfully submitted,

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